



School-Specific Procedures

Appropriate Dress/Dress Code

Our Appropriate Dress Policy is designed to support and enhance our school's Code of Conduct. At Sir John A. Macdonald Public School we believe that:

- A reasonable standard of dress, which identifies school as a place of dignity and learning, is required at all times.
- The way one dresses for school is indicative of the attitude the person has towards school.
- Dress and language should be appropriate to a school setting where learning is the focus.
- If the student's clothing is deemed inappropriate, he/she will be asked to change. Parents/guardians may be notified to either pick up the student or bring in a change of clothing.

The following is a guideline to assist parents and students in understanding these expectations:

1. Shirts, blouses and dresses must completely cover the abdomen, back and 2/3 of the shoulders. Tube tops, halter-tops and other tops with narrow shoulder straps or "spaghetti" straps are unacceptable. Tank tops must be fitted under the arms. Shirts or tops must cover the waistband of pants, shorts or skirts or be long enough to be tucked in.
2. Clothing or accessories may not display offensive, vulgar language or images and must not advertise products which students may not legally purchase.
3. "Short shorts", and mini-skirts which are above the middle of the thigh are deemed inappropriate attire.
4. Pants must not sag below the waist and underwear must not be visible.
5. Head apparel, except for religious or medical reasons, must not be worn inside the school.
6. See-through clothing is not permitted. Clothing that is deliberately ripped, torn or has holes in it is not permitted. All undergarments are to be covered.

Concerns related to this policy are dealt with on an individual basis, with the specific nature of the problem, the past behaviour of the child, and the student's age all being considered. Repeated occurrences may result in consequences under our school's Code of Conduct.